

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1056 without my signature.

This measure places unnecessary, burdensome restrictions on businesses attempting to expand in California. Local communities are already free to decide between rejecting or embracing any retail development. By requiring the approval of an economic impact report prior to approval of a development project that includes a “superstore retailer,” this bill would create a system of costly hurdles that these retailers would need to overcome before opening a new facility in a city or county.

The declared intent of this bill is “to promote market competition and economic development,” but instead it would stifle market competition and expansion of employment within California. Such negative economic impacts run contrary to my continuing efforts to encourage business development and create a better economic climate within California.

For these reasons I am unable to support this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger